## Office of the Mayor PROCLAMATION



Whereas, the Committee of the Township of Chatham wishes to recognize the outstanding achievements and dedication of Ralph J. Pesapane for his service to the School District of the Chathams over the past forty-two years,

Whereas, in 1972 Ralph was first hired as a Reading Specialist for Lafayette Middle School and over the course of the next 16 years was appointed Director of the Gifted Program, District Test Coordinator, and eventually Assistant Principal,

Whereas, in 1988 following the merger of the Chatham Borough and Chatham Township School Districts, Ralph first served as Principal of Lafayette School and eventually Assistant Superintendent and Principal of Milton Avenue School,

Whereas, following the retirement of the former Principal of Southern Boulevard School, Ralph was appointed Principal where over the past 16 years he has served as a role model to all and made certain learning was fun,

Whereas, Ralph has left an indelible mark on Southern Boulevard School, not just on the murals in the hallways, or in the traditions he has established, but in the hearts and minds of all those he has interacted with over the years,

Whereas, it is with mixed emotions that we bid farewell to one of the most beloved Principals in the history of the School District of the Chathams, a man who has impacted the lives of thousands of students, parents and faculty over the last forty-two years,

**NOW, THEREFORE, I**, Kevin Sullivan, Mayor of the Township of Chatham, do hereby proclaim June 19, 2014 as 'Ralph J. Pesapane Day.'

Kevin Sullivan, Mayor

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